

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please replace the paragraph on page 13, lines 14 through 22, with the following amended paragraph:

--The annular seal 22 includes a plurality of ~~say, for example,~~ three annular seal lips 29 formed on the confronting face 27 of the annular flange 26 as defining a respective space interval therebetween; and a plurality of ~~say, for example,~~ eight radial ribs 30 (only some of which are shown in the figure) intersecting with these plural annular seal lips 29. The annular seal lips 29 and radial ribs 30 project in parallel with the axial direction S of the column hole cover 1.--